

Tom Sweeney Opens Campaign With Address at Mullens

Mullens, W. Va., March 12.—(Spec.)—Thomas Sweeney State Senator of Wheeling, W. Va. in the opening address of his campaign for the United States senate, declared here tonight at a meeting of Wyoming county Republicans that the question of whether or not fresher and younger blood should be injected into the "elephant" was the only vital issue facing Republicans in their primaries.

"Candidates for Republican nominations," he said, "are all in agreement upon fundamentals, and there exists none of the bitterness that so irparably separates the contestants in the Democratic camp. Our problem is simply whether or not we wish to face the electorate in November with the same old bunch that went out with Hoover or whether we intend to include among our nominees the kind of candidates needed to convince the people that the party has indeed revitalized its spirit.

"When I say that I am a liberal" Sweeney said, "I do not mean the kind of liberal who would annihilate the Supreme Court—the last protector of the rights of minorities; I do not mean the kind of liberal who wants to take away from our states and counties and towns the responsibilities that belong to them, and to draw the reins of all power into the hands of one central authority, when only those with local knowledge are conceivably qualified to administer to local needs; I do not mean the kind of liberal who is only liberal with other people's money—I never meant to imply I was that kind of liberal.

"In fact, I never imagined that such conduct could possibly be called 'liberal' until I learned that the present administration had rewritten the dictionary. 'Liberal' used to mean, in its political sense, the freedom of the individual from governmental restraint and authority, belief in the average man's right to go his own way, his right to earn a fair living at productive work, or to make a fortune if he had it in him—and that is what it still means to me."

Senator Sweeney said that, as much as any other Republican, he deplored the extravagance of the New Deal, the unbalanced budget, the scatterbrained plans—many of the working at cross-purpose with each other—and the threat to Constitutional democracy inherent in the entire authoritarian philosophy of the New Deal. He said they did not fool the people but only fooled themselves, in trying to pretend that we could scrap it all and go back to 1928.

"There is no way to retrieve the eggs after you have made an omelet," he quoted. "In order to secure victory, candidates will be needed who have some—"

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Politics Is Patriotism

(By Mrs. Chauncey Hinerman)

One of America's leading Democrats some time ago accused the New Deal of being a Santa Claus. I never knew why for my conception of Santa Claus was someone who brought gifts calculated to be beneficial, which he gave from the fullness of heart without any expectation of a return.

The New Deal has just about completed its visit among us and it is leaving (not something useful) a debt increased by fully twenty-six billion dollars; many hundreds of broken promises; a badly misused economy; burden some taxes; a gigantic bureaucracy which was erected for the avowed purpose of helping us but with the secret purpose of giving jobs to New Dealers, which has spent more money than all the administrations from Washington to Wilson, and which has virtually eaten us out of house and home; impaired our faith in ourselves and our country and created general disillusion and bewilderment.

Customs at Christmas time differ widely throughout the land and when Al Smith said that the New Deal was a Santa Claus he may have had in mind a custom followed by a family in whose home I visited during the holiday. As Christmas Eve arrived good fellowship abounded on all sides. Charity and benevolence were the watchwords. The head of the house was, on this particular occasion, very generous and very solicitous for the welfare of all and especially to Santa Claus who was due to pay his annual visit to the home in a few hours. Before the children went to bed they set out a bountiful lunch for Old Saint Nick and then on the plate each child placed a ten dollar bill which the father in his generosity gave them to leave for Santa Claus. In the morning the children found that the food had been eaten and the money had disappeared which proved to those unsuspecting children that Santa had been there.

THANKS TO THOSE DONATING TOWARD LINCOLN DAY DINNER

Mr. KISER\$20.00
Dr. I. T. PETERS\$ 5.00

Wife Detested Haydn's Music
The music of Haydn, much beloved by all the world, was detested by his wife, Maria Anna. She used some of his most cherished manuscripts for curl-papers.

Political Announcements

—House of Delegates—
I do heren announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination as member of the House of Delegates, subject to the May 14 primary.

If nominated and elected I promise to thoroughly represent McDowell county as I have heretofore.

I will appreciate the support and influence of all voters.
FLEMING A. JONES, Jr.
Welch, West Virginia

"COUSIN" ABE LILLY AIMS FOR DELEGATE POST TO PHILA MEET



Charleston, W. Va., March 10.—(Special)—A. A. Lilly, former Attorney general, known to many thousands of West Virginians as "Cousin Abe," and president of the Lilly Reunion Association, the largest family association in the world, today announced his candidacy for 1 of the four posts as delegate at large to the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia.

"In the hope that may be of some help in nominating a liberal capable Republican presidential ticket of the proper girth and grain," said General Lilly, "I will if selected as a delegate, be guided by the best unselfish interests of the party, and by the wishes of the Republicans of West Virginia.

"I shall support," he continued, "candidates of high, unclouded vision constructive un—"

VANDENBERG WILL FIGHT POSSIBLE LYNCH FILIBUSTER

....New York.—Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, (R-Mich.) has told the NAACP that he will do everything in his power to break a Senate filibuster should one develop over bringing the anti-lynching bill to the floor of the Senate, according to an announcement made today by Walter White, executive secretary of the organization.

On March 1st, the NAACP secretary sent the following letter to the Michigan senator who is also a figure in the 1940 presidential nomination race:

"My dear Senator Vandenberg
"Thank you for your very frank and honest letter of Feb. 28th.

"When the bill reaches the floor and if, as now seems likely, there is a long filibuster may we count on you at the appropriate time to insist vigorously on continuous sessions of the Senate to break the filibuster? And may we also count on your getting as many of your associates in the Senate as possible to join in this effort?"

In a reply to Mr. White's letter dated March 5, Senator Vandenberg said:

"The answer to your letter of March 1st is an unequivocal 'yes.'"

PRESIDENT JOHN W. DAVIS WILL ADDRESS McDOWELL AND MERCER CO ALUMNI

President John W. Davis of the West Virginia State college, will address all persons who are graduates of the college in the Memorial Building in Kimball, West Virginia, Wednesday Mar. 20, 1940 at 7:30 o'clock. Graduates residing in McDowell and Mercer counties are requested to be present. President Davis is desirous that a unit of the West Virginia State College Alumni Association be organized in this section of the state. Immediately following the address of President Davis we will proceed to organize our group of graduates into a unit. Miss Althea Allen is making an effort to contact all graduates in Mercer county concerning this meeting. Let us meet the neighboring county graduates at the meeting.

The college needs you, and you need the college. We hope to serve a simple menu. Make your self a committe of one to notify all graduates of our college.

Seeks Re-Election To Legislature



FLEMING A. JONES, JR. RE-ELECTION TO HOUSE

Fleming A. Jones, Jr., well-known colored attorney of Welch announces his candidacy as member of the House of Delegates to succeed himself. He is seeking fourth term.

He has a hundred per cent record for labor, having voted and fought for every bill which was sponsored by labor.

Among his achievements in the state legislature was the approval of an act creating a 4-H camp for Negroes; was co-sponsor of an act establishing a Negro National Guard for the state.

He is thoroughly qualified to represent McDowell county and asks the vote of each and every Democratic voter in the May primary, and truly a race man.

Story of the Week

A Negro well-known to the judge in a small southern city police court was heled before him on a charge of bouncing a brick off a relative's head, after usual preliminaries the judge asked why he did it. The man said because the party on the receiving end had called him a "black rascal." The judge said, "Well, you are one, aren't you?"

The prisoner replied "Yes Sir. But Judge, if someone called you a black rascal you would hit him, wouldn't you?"

The judge replied "But I am not one am I?"

The colored man answered: "But Judge, suppose someone called you the kind of rascal you are, what would you do?"

Buckaroo, From Spanish
Buckaroo or buckayro is an American corruption of the Spanish word vaquero, which means cowboy.

MRS. HINERMAN ANNOUNCES FOR SEC'Y OF STATE NOMINAT'N



Charleston, W. Va., March 9.—Daniel Boone Dawson's campaign for the Republican nomination for governor is progressing rapidly and gratifying reports are being received from county chairmen in all sections of West Virginia. Dawson campaign managers declared in a statement issued last night.

The established party leaders who enjoy supporting a winner are being joined by the "youngish" group in the increasingly militant Republican Party in the rally to the Dawson banner. It was stated, Campaign managers for the popular Charleston mayor described the "youngish group" as "those in the Republican party between the ages of 20 and 75 who are young at heart and who believe that West Virginia can go forward under the aggressive leadership of an executive who has proved his ability." In this connection,

Strange Case of Lloid Gaines

Every year thousands of men and women disappear from the circle of their relatives and friends for periods ranging from brief to life. Many reasons, or none at all, suffice to explain. In other days when communication did not have the swift wings of electricity a person could move a few miles away without notifying anyone and be counted as missing by them for folks then did not as a rule travel much, being engrossed in making a living. But today such is not the case, and "going away" from one's circle of relatives and friends is a near-impossibility over any length of time as anyone who has tried it will testify.

Conceding the truth of this, we are of decided opinion that the unexplained and total disappearance of the plaintiff in the famous University of Missouri case has possibilities of foul play in it. Efforts should not be slackened to obtain an answer to the mystery that will clear it up completely.

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Negro Congress Seeks Action on Race Rights From Dept. of Justice

Man Who Appears for Jury Duty Convicted of Disorderly Conduct in Asheville, N. C.

....Asheville, N. C.—With Attorneys, representing the state, described as having told him that they intended to see that he serves some time, Lawrence Sigmon, of this city will go on trial here before a Superior Court Judge, March 18 charged with allegedly assaulting a white deputy sheriff and disorderly conduct all because he insisted on serving on a jury to which he was called by telephone on June 5, 1939.

Sigmon's trial was carried to the Superior Court by attorneys acting for the local branch of the NAACP.

Flatop Medical Society Meets In Keystone; Record Attendance

The Flat Top Medical Society met in Keystone Thursday evening at 8 p. m., with the largest number present than at any time during the past two years. Medical men identified with the allied professions of medicine, dentistry and pharmacy from both McDowell and Mercer counties comprise this organization which was founded in 1904, and which has held meetings regularly ever since that time.

This meeting was a strictly a business meeting with only topics discussed pertaining to the economic welfare of the professions identified with the organization. Committees were appointed by the president to report at the next regular meeting on information to be ascertained regarding the following: "Coal companies' attitude toward the employment of Negro physicians. Will the Negro physician's plight under the government's social medicine program be any worse than what he encounters at the hands of the coal company physicians today? Should the Negro physician be represented in the Health Councils of the state and counties with large Negro populations? Should not the Negro professional man as leaders of their group vote for men favorable to their program rather than parties?"

These topics were discussed freely by all at this meeting and means were adopted by which all of these subjects would be taken to the National and State Medical Societies for support at their coming annual meeting this summer. The state medical meeting will convene in Bluefield in June. Arrangements are going forward to have legal representatives from NAACP headquarters attend the state meeting with hope that something can be done legally if other plans fail to correct some of the abuses of the "monopoly" that is characteristic of the practice of medicine in the coal-fields.

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Washington March 10. — It was learned this week that the National Negro Congress has asked the Attorney General of the United States to place the entire Department of Justice in motion around a national campaign to guarantee the citizenship rights of twelve million Negro people of the South. This information came to light when Congress officials announced that after months of careful planning they were bringing to Washington on March 19 actual victims of Ku Klux Klan mobs and peonage farms for the purpose of having them tell their own stories to Attorney Gen'l. Robert H. Jackson and other Department of Justice officials.

Another indication of this effort was given when the national secretary of the Congress John P. Davis, in his testimony on the anti-lynching bill before the Senate Judiciary Committee last week introduced into the record factual evidence of whole sale Ku Klux Klan terror in a number of Southern states.

Congress officials, however, refused to make public at this time the names of the witnesses whom they wish to present to the Attorney General. They declared that to do so would be "to place in jeopardy the lives of these witnesses who come from sections of the country where they are in constant fear of being beaten or killed by organized Klan terrorists."

It is known that one of the witnesses to be brought here will be Will Fleming Negro farm worker from Oglethorpe county, Georgia who has been held in peonage on a plantation in that county for nearly 25 years. Fleming it is understood, was forced to work for the owner of the plantation during this period for an annual wage of less than ten dollars. He escaped a few months ago and made his way to Chicago where his story and those of several hundred other Negro farm workers held in the same condition of slavery became known.

NAACP STILL UNABLE TO FIND LLOYD GAINES

Washington, D. C., March 9.—Charles H. Houston special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced today that he had been unable to locate Lloyd Gaines plaintiff in the famous University of Missouri case.

"The NAACP has exhausted all means of locating him," Mr. Houston said, "and added that the association requests any one possessing information concerning the whereabouts of Gaines to send the information to the Association at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Size of Flathead Lake
Flathead lake, Montana, described as "the largest body of fresh water west of the Great Lakes," fills a hollow thirty-five miles long and eighteen miles wide between two ranges of the Rocky mountains, except where the 4,500 acre Wildhorse island humps its hills out of the water near the west shore.

Don't forget the Literary contest at Kimball High today (Friday).